

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 697
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Jere Logan Hargrove on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jere Logan Hargrove's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2006 Session of the 104th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished attorney, Representative Hargrove has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic circles of Cookeville and Putnam County; he has served his constituents in numerous capacities by always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, born on September 17, 1946 in Cookeville, Tennessee, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.N. Hargrove, Representative Hargrove's political career would be greatly influenced by his father; his beloved mother was his great supporter; and

WHEREAS, a 1981 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law, Representative Hargrove obtained an Associate of Arts degree from Freed-Hardeman University in 1966 and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Abilene Christian University in 1969; and

WHEREAS, drawn to utilize his talents for the greater good of his community, from 1986-1987, Mr. Hargrove served with acumen and alacrity as Putnam County Attorney, and

from 1987-1990, he capably served as Assistant District Attorney for the 13th Judicial District of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1990, the good people of House District 42 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Jere L. Hargrove by electing him as their representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his eight terms in the House of Representatives, Representative Hargrove has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader among his fellow members, Representative Hargrove was elected and served ably as Majority Leader of both the 100th and 101st General Assemblies and served as Assistant Majority Leader during the 98th and 99th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, presently serving as Chairman of the powerful House Commerce Committee, Representative Hargrove is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his House colleagues over the years for the outstanding contributions he has made as a member of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Calendar and Rules Committee, the Rules Committee, the State and Local Committee, and the Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hargrove has also served as an exemplary member of the Joint Worker's Compensation Committee, the Select Oversight Committee on TennCare, the Joint Legislative Services Committee and the Tennessee Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR); and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Jere Hargrove is the very proud father of four wonderful children, Rebecca Hargrove Smith, Christopher Matthew Hargrove, Sara Hargrove Erger, and Andrew Clayton Hargrove; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hargrove is the beloved "papa" of three treasured grandchildren, Evan Michael Smith, Gavin Matthew Erger, and Aubrey Logan Erger; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hargrove's announcement of his retirement from the General Assembly has cast a pallid shadow on his fellow lawmakers, Democrats and

Republicans alike; his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 42; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Representative Jere Hargrove; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Jere L. Hargrove on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Cookeville and Putnam County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Jere Hargrove our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Jere Hargrove as a token of our esteem.